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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Nichimu INADA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/830,560

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FOR: MASSAGING APPARATUS HAVING PIVOTALLY SUPPORTED SUPPORTING ARM WITH THERAPEUTIC MEMBER



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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Letter Submitting Drawing Replacement Sheets, Replacement Sheets (2), Copy of Notification of Acceptance, Copy of Filing Receipt Date-Stamped 8/9/01, Copy of Information Disclosure Statement Filed 8/9/01, Copy of Statement of Relevancy Filed 8/9/01, Copy of PTO-1449 filed 8/9/01

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		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
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**LETTER SUBMITTING DRAWING REPLACEMENT SHEETS**

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DEAR SIR:

Applicants are hereby submitting two (2) drawing replacement sheets herewith. The changes and/or modifications made include Fig. 11 having reference character "O4" being changed to --04-- and Fig. 52 having the misspelled word "LUMBER" changed to -- LUMBAR--.

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## NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ☒ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☐ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above-identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

7 may 2001	7 may 2001
DATE OF RECEIPT OF	DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL
35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above-identified application is international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363) Once the filing receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 7 may 2001 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

- ☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.
- ☒ Copy of the international application.
- ☒ Translation of the international application into English.
- ☒ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s).
- ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ not been entered.

- ☐ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
- ☐ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).
- ☐ Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.

The Annexes ☐ have ☐ not been entered.

- ☐ Preliminary amendment(s) filed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Assignment document.
- ☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.
- ☐ Substitute specification filed \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Indication of Small Entity Status.
- ☒ Priority Document.
- ☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.
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